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SUBJECT : Response to HPSI Request

1. The ADDI called on 2 October to pass on a request from Congressman Hamilton of the HPSI for any published analysis of the Turkish reaction to the draft resolution on the "Armenian genocide", which is currently under debate in Congress. We passed through the ADDI's staff copies of a NID article of 20 September and extracts from an IA published in September. Both made the point that the Turks were extremely sensitive on the Armenian question and charges made by Armenian nationalists. The NID article further suggested that there might be repercussions for US-Turkish relations if the resolution were to be passed by the Congress.

2. The ADDI's office called again to pass on an urgent query from Mr. Tom Latimer of the HPSI staff, concerning whether the Turks had in fact taken any action in reaction to the Congressional debate. At the suggestion of the ADDI's office, I called Mr. Latimer. Drawing largely on unclassified cables from Embassy Ankara -- [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] I told Mr. Latimer that the reaction in Turkey had been highly emotional. There had been many demands in the press, public, and parliament for some sort of retaliation against the US, but Prime Minister Ozal and President Evren had so far managed to deflect them. In response to a question from Mr. Latimer, I said that there appeared to be much emotion but little consensus among those demanding retaliation. Demands included calls for a revision of the agreement governing the presence of US installations to a parliamentary review of the US-Turkish relationship.

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